

RESOLUTION NO. 23-0154

A RESOLUTION OF THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION SUGGESTED MODIFICATIONS TO THE LOCAL COASTAL PROGRAM SECTION VI COASTAL HAZARDS

THE MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council conducted a public hearing pursuant to applicable law on May 3, 2022 to consider an amendment to the Local Coastal Program (LCP) to review the proposed Section IV Coastal Hazards as an Amendment to the City's LCP; and at the May 3, 2022 regular meeting, the City Council unanimously approved the LCP amendment, adopting Ordinance No. 22-0062. The amendment was submitted to the California Coastal Commission (CCC) for consideration on June 14, 2022, as authorized in Resolution No 22-0063.

SECTION 2. On August 9, 2023, the CCC conducted a public hearing and considered the City's LCP amendment. At the close of the hearing, the CCC unanimously approved the amendment, with suggested minor modifications. The Coastal Act requires that the City's adoption of the suggested modifications be completed within six months of the CCC action in order for the amendment to be considered certified.

SECTIONS 3. The City Council conducted a duly noticed public hearing on November 21, 2023 to consider the CCC's amendments to the Coastal Hazards Chapter of the LCP. Public testimony was received.

SECTION 4. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), specifically Section 21080.5 of the California Public Resources Code, local governments are exempt from the requirement of preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) in connection with its activities and approvals necessary for the preparation and adoption of LCPs and LCP amendments. Instead, the CEQA responsibilities are assigned to the CCC. The CCC found, for the reasons discussed in this report, the proposed LCP Amendment, with adoption of the suggested modifications, meets the requirements of, and is in conformity with, the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act. The CCC found that approval of the LCP Amendment with suggested modifications will not result in significant adverse environmental impacts within the meaning of CEQA. Certification of the LCP if modified as suggested complies with CEQA because: 1) feasible mitigation measures and/or alternatives have been incorporated to substantially lessen any significant adverse effects of the plan on the environment, and 2) there are no further feasible alternatives and mitigation measures that would substantially lessen any significant adverse impacts which the LCP Amendment may have on the City of Manhattan Beach LCP Amendment No. LCPA 5-MNB-22-0028-1 (LUP Coastal Hazards Chapter). The CCC found that the proposed LCP amendment, if modified as suggested, will be consistent with Section 21080.5(d)(2)(A) of the Public Resources Code.

SECTION 5. The City Council finds that the Amendments are consistent with the goals and policies of the City's General Plan including the Community Safety Element goal one to minimize the risk to public health, safety, and welfare resulting from natural and human-caused hazards; and the Conservation of Resources goal five to conserve and protect the remaining natural resources in Manhattan Beach; and the proposed amendments are consistent with the policies of Chapter 3 of the Coastal Act.

SECTION 6. The City Council certifies the amendment and modifications of the Local Coastal Program Section IV Coastal Hazards (see Exhibit A) fully in conformity with the California Coastal Act of 1976, as amended by the California Coastal Commission.

SECTION 7. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED on November 21, 2023.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

RICHARD MONTGOMERY
Mayor

ATTEST:

LIZA TAMURA
City Clerk

CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION

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August 10, 2023

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Re: City of Manhattan Beach LCP Amendment Request No. LCP-5-MNB-22-0028-1
(LUP Section VI - Coastal Hazards)

Dear Mr. Pankau:

You are hereby notified that the California Coastal Commission, at its August 9, 2023 meeting, approved City of Manhattan Beach Local Coastal Program (LCP) Major Amendment No. LCP-5-MNB-22-0028-1 with suggested modifications. The major amendment is to the Land Use Plan (LUP) portion of the certified LCP only and adds a new Coastal Hazards Section, i.e., LUP Section VI: Coastal Hazards.

The LCP amendment will be fully effective once:

1. The City of Manhattan Beach City Council adopts the Commission's suggested modifications,
2. The City of Manhattan Beach City Council forwards the adopted suggested modifications to the Commission by Resolution, and,
3. The Executive Director certifies that the City has complied with the Commission's August 9, 2023 action.

The Coastal Act requires that the City's adoption of the suggested modifications be completed within six (6) months of the Commission's action. Pursuant to the Commission's action on August 9, 2023, certification of LCP Amendment No. LCP-5-MNB-22-0028-1 is subject to the attached Suggested Modifications (Attachment "A"). Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to working with you and your staff in the future. If you have any questions regarding the modifications required for effective certification of this LCP amendment, please contact me at our Long Beach office (562) 590-5071.

Sincerely,

Liliana Roman,
Coastal Resiliency Coordinator

Attachment “A”

Suggested Modifications

New text added by suggested modification is shown **bold and underlined**, and text suggested to be deleted is shown in ~~double strikethrough~~.

Suggested Modification #1 – Modification to proposed Policy IV.A.2

Policy IV.A.2: ~~Develop and~~ Implement a **citywide** beach dune ~~and living shoreline~~ restoration program **and evaluate softer solutions such as living shoreline projects.** The continued viability of dune and other coastal habitats shall be provided for by planning for inland migration and/or replacement of habitats lost to sea level rise.

Suggested Modification #2 – Modifications to proposed Policy IV.A.3

Policy IV.A.3: Stabilize dunes and back beach with the installation and maintenance of drought-tolerant ~~native coastal vegetation~~ **native southern California coastal dune plant species** capable of enhancing dune stability and the removal of non-native vegetation. Development shall be set back from dunes through buffers of sufficient width and design to protect native coastal vegetation from impacts of adjacent uses, including a bike path set back of a minimum of three feet and a beach grooming set back of a minimum of five feet.

Suggested Modification #3 – Addition of new Policy IV.A.8

Policy IV.A.8: ~~Develop and implement, when necessary, a winter season temporary sand berm program that minimizes potential adverse biological, scenic, and recreational resource impacts.~~